

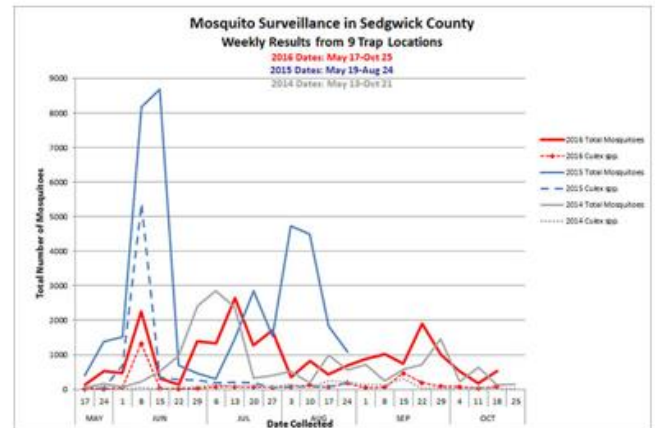
KDHE Statewide Population Health Call – October 25, 2016

Charlie Hunt, Epidemiology and Public Health Informatics

Arboviral Diseases Update

West Nile Virus

<u>County</u>	<u>Cases (as of 10/18)</u>
Cowley	1
Dickinson	1
Ford	1
Franklin	1
Jackson	1
Johnson	2
Ness	1
Pratt	1
Reno	2
Rice	1
Sedgwick	7
Shawnee	2
Thomas	1
Total	22



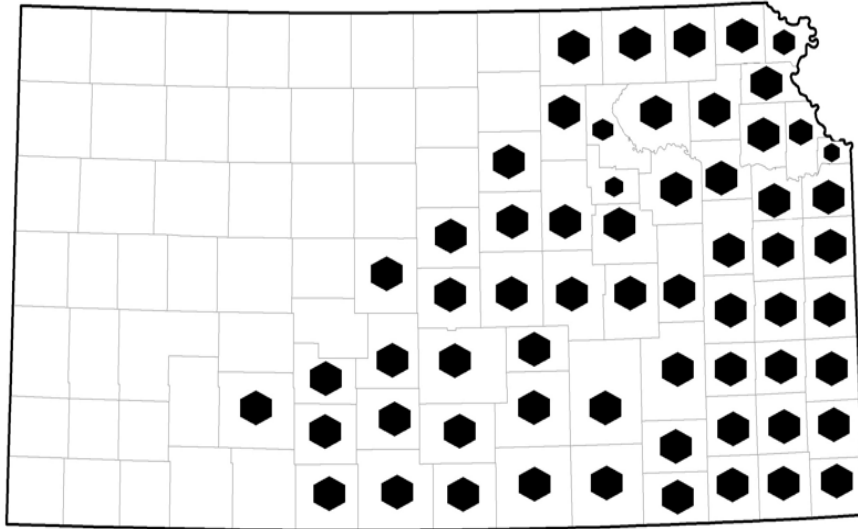
Zika Virus

- 15 travel-associated cases in KS (as of 18 Oct.)
- Updated guidance
 - 19 October 2016: New area in Miami-Dade County, FL (1 square mile area)



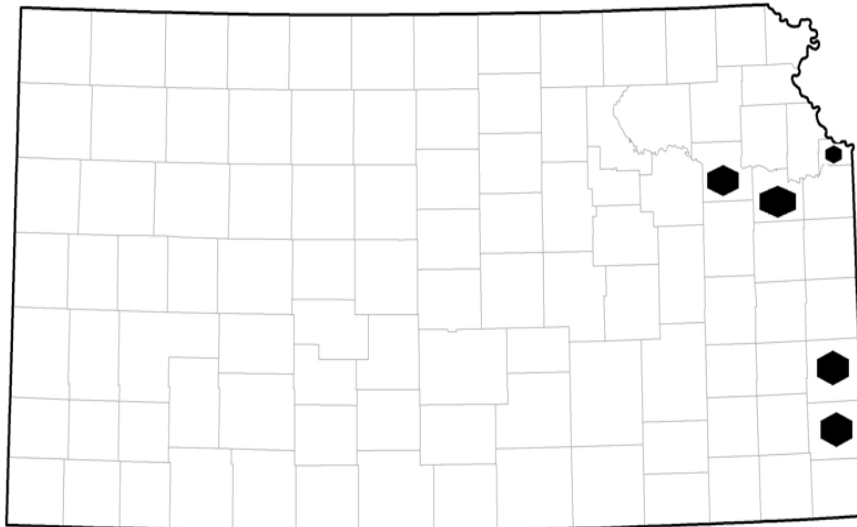
Aedes albopictus in Kansas

***DRAFT* 2016 Survey**



Aedes aegypti in Kansas

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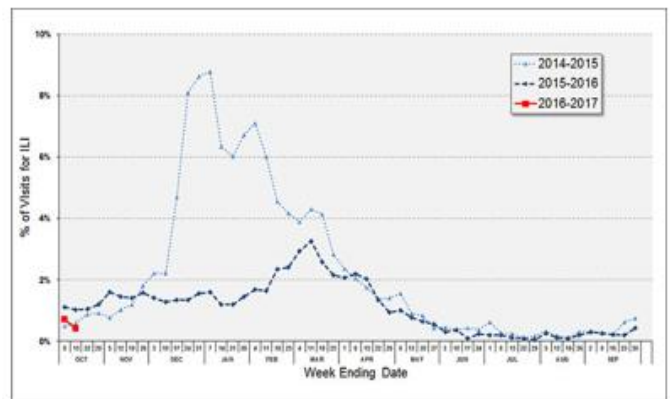
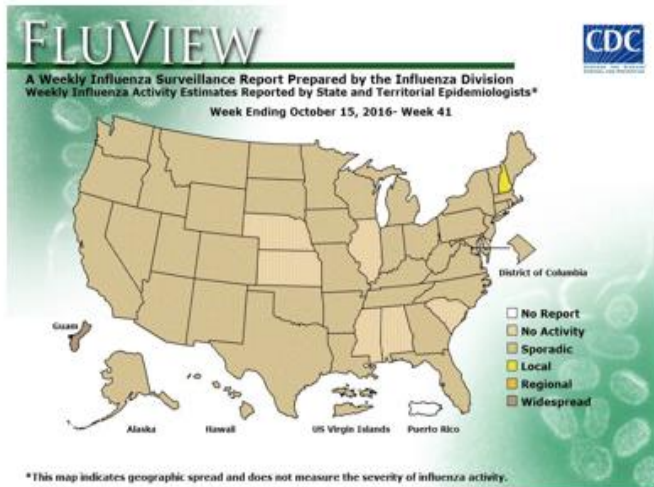
Zika Virus Funding

- \$1.1 billion in new federal funding announced
- Includes additional funding to states
 - Preparedness and response
 - Supplement to Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Diseases (ELC) cooperative agreement
 - Surveillance
 - Laboratory
 - Vector control
 - Pregnancy registry
 - Birth defects surveillance

Influenza Update

Influenza Activity

Percentage of Visits for Influenza-like Illness (ILI) Reported by ILINet Sites, Kansas, October 2016-September 2017 and the Previous Two Surveillance Periods*



- KDHE has received reports of positive influenza tests (via PCR) from private laboratories
- KDHE media release urging influenza immunization



Miscellaneous Updates

Atchison County chlorine gas release

- Friday, 21 October ~8:00 a.m.
- MGP Ingredients
- Working with NEK Multi-County Health Dept. to assess impact

EpiTrax

- KDHE is implementing software (Electronic Message Staging Area (EMSA) to automatically move lab reports into EpiTrax. This will result in you receiving data faster.
- New version of EpiTrax coming!
 - The new EpiTrax version has the same functionality as the current version of EpiTrax.
 - The new system was redesigned to have increased speed and ease of use.
 - The new version is written in a more commonly used and supported programming language (Java).
 - Our consortium with Utah, Southern Nevada, and Tarrant County, TX allows us to pool human and financial resources to enhance and maintain the new version.
 - Testing of the Java version by KDHE staff and local health departments will take place in late October and November.



Blood Lead Surveillance and Investigation

- Work Group established through KALHD
- Meeting held on 30 September
- Discussed need to improve
- New protocol in development
- Specific recommendations based on levels
 - 5-<10 µg
 - 10-<15 µg
 - 15-<45 µg
 - 45+ µg
- New algorithm
 - letter to parents and physicians
 - education one pager
 - education packet to parents and physicians
 - when to recommend confirmatory testing
 - telephone interview
 - when to recommend retesting
 - full EBL investigation
 - when to recommend to Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Unit at Children's Mercy Hospital
- Will update Disease Investigation Guideline
- KS-TRAIN course
- Plan is to implement the new algorithm early next year

Catherine Byrd, Preparedness

- a. Restored PHEP Funding -- The Feds have restored the PHEP funding and we will be reallocating the funds to the Local Health Departments, Regional Coordinators and CRI. They should expect to see information being emailed out within the next couple of weeks.
- b. Grant Review -- Reminder -- That the contract amendments for the Ebola grants are due on Friday, October 28. A signed copy needs to be mailed. As long as it is signed by the 28th, they can email me letting me know a copy has been placed in the mail. Along with this we will also need a revised budget for the remaining funding.
- c. EMResource -- EMResource is now being administered by KDHE. Michael McNulty of the Preparedness staff is the main POC for this.
- d. November Webinar -- The November Webinar is on November 8 for the Regional and Local Public Health Coordinators and will cover the tools that have been developed to review the Biological Incident Annex (BIA) and Continuity of Operations (COOP) SOGs.
- e. Compliance Review -- Ed Bell has developed our compliance program and we are beginning to implement it. Ed will soon be sending out requests for information relating to training records for BP4.

Cristi Cain, Local Public Health

- a. Karen Kelley, Catalyst/KS-TRAIN Project Manager, has scheduled webinars to demo new enhancements to Catalyst. Local health department, safety net clinics, and hospital partners who access Catalyst in order to submit grants and/or reports should attend one of the webinars. The webinars have been scheduled on:
 - o December 5, 12 and 19, 9:00-11:00 a.m. Course ID# 1064942 on KS-TRAIN at <http://ks.train.org>
- b. The new 2017 Regional Meetings/Calendar of Events has been posted to the Local Public Health Program webpage, Kansas Department of Health and Environment website. This calendar notes meetings and events that have been discussed with the Local Public Health Program staff for the coming year.
http://www.kdheks.gov/olrh/PH_Connections/2017_PH_RegMtg_Calendar.pdf
- c. Kansas Health Matters—can win an iPad or prize of equal value—eligible when you submit a promising practice - to learn more about this contest go here:
<http://www.kansashealthmatters.org/index.php?module=PromisePractice&controller=index&action=index>

Debbie Nickels, KS-TRAIN

- a. **4th Quarter 2016 Regional Public Health Meetings:** The regional public health meetings for the last quarter of 2016 offer a variety of useful information on proposed revisions to disease regulations, mandatory reporting, and upcoming changes to KS-TRAIN. The meetings are designed to connect local health departments with programs and best practices that will benefit the work you do within your communities. Register on KS-TRAIN at <http://ks.train.org>, Course ID# 1065642. The agenda includes the following:
“Update on Kansas Disease Regulations: Times They are a Changin’”, D. Charles Hunt, State Epidemiologist and Director, Bureau of Epidemiology and Public Health Informatics; “Child Abuse/Neglect Intake, Investigation and Assessment”, Regional Administrators, Kansas Department for Children and Families; “KS-TRAIN Local Health Department Administrator Training”, Debbie Nickels, Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), KS-TRAIN Administrator and Karen Kelley, KDHE, Project Manager, Catalyst/KS-TRAIN.

The dates and locations for the meetings are:

- Southeast Region, Chanute, October 13
- South Central Region, Hutchinson, November 2
- Southwest Region, Garden City, November 9
- Northwest Region, Oakley, November 10
- North Central Region, Beloit, December 14
- Northeast Region, Topeka, December 13

If you have ideas for regional meeting topics please contact Teri Caudle at teri.caudle@ks.gov.

b. **2017 Local Public Health Leadership Series Taking Applications - Apply by November 15**

Applications are now being accepted for the next session of the Local Public Health Leadership Series. All Public Health Professionals who desire to expand their leadership development are encouraged to apply for this four-month education opportunity sponsored by The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) and the Kansas Association of Local Health Departments (KALHD). The purpose of the Local Public Health Leadership Series (LPHLS) is to enhance the ability of local health department administrators and staff to exercise leadership in the delivery of Medicaid services to residents in their communities. The LPHLS will develop core knowledge and skills related to identifying and responding to adaptive challenges. The focus will be on development of leadership competencies identified by the Kansas Leadership Center: Diagnosing the Situation, Managing Self, Energizing Others and Intervening Skillfully.

Leadership involves mobilizing others, sometimes without direct authority to do so, in an effort to address difficult community challenges. These difficult, daunting, adaptive challenges don't have a single expert or manager who can fix them. Progress can be made to address adaptive challenges but it will require learning, involvement of stakeholders and persistent efforts. Public health professionals are in key positions to provide this kind of leadership.

Applicants who are chosen will be expected to attend all live sessions in Wichita at the [Community Engagement Institute](#). There is no registration cost for participating in the Local Public Health Series, only the commitment of time.

- January 23 - 24, 2017
- February 7 - 8, 2017
- March 7 - 8, 2017
- April 12 - 13, 2017

The Wichita State University Community Engagement Institute will serve as faculty and coaches for the series which is modeled after the [Kansas Leadership Center's](#) training curriculum and methods. If you want to know more about this program email Seth Bate at Seth.Bate@wichita.edu or Sonja Armbruster at Sonja.Armbruster@wichita.edu. If you are interested in participating in this program and would like to receive the application, please contact Kristina Helmer at Kristina.Helmer@wichita.edu. The applications are due November 15.

- c. The October issue of Public Health CONNECTIONS will be coming out soon. Included again this month are new online courses posted to the system that have continuing education credits available. If you are not on the Public Health CONNECTIONS distribution list, please email PHC@kdheks.gov to request to be added to the distribution list serve.

Preparedness Training Information on KS-TRAIN:

See the Kansas Division of Emergency Management Training Calendar for updates additions to their courses that are posted to KS-TRAIN: <http://www.kansastag.gov/KDEM.asp?PageID=266>

- a. **Public Health Ebola Risk Communications Training Scheduled:** In order to ensure the readiness and response capability of state, local and territorial public health agencies to public health emergency, crisis and disaster situations the **Preparedness Program at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE)** is collaborating with the Public Policy and Management Center (PPMC) at Wichita State University to provide crisis communication training. [KDHE-BCHS: Ebola Risk Communications Training, Course ID# 1065100](#) is for the Local Health Department Public Information Officers and applicable KDHE staff participating in the Center for Disease Control and Prevention Preparedness Ebola Supplemental Grant. If you have questions about the training please contact Elisa Nehrbass at elisa.nehrbass@ks.gov or call 785-296-1882.

Sites for the training are:

- Garden City, **UPDATE!** April 5, 2017
- Pittsburg, November 16
- Oakley, December 6
- Salina, December 7
- Wichita, February 16, 2017
- Kansas City, Kansas, March 28, 2017
- Topeka, March 29, 2017

- b. **The Regional Preparedness Healthcare Coalition Meetings** are posted to KS-TRAIN at <http://ks.train.org> for registration. If you do not see your regional meeting on the TRAIN calendar please contact the regional coordinator for the next meeting date. Regional Coordinators if you need assistance in posting your courses or sessions for your meetings/trainings, please let us know at kdhe.kstrain@ks.gov or debbie.nickels@ks.gov.

- SEKS Healthcare Coalition Meeting, Course ID #1059500 (October 25, Chanute)
- NEKS Healthcare Coalition Meeting, Course ID #1059234 (TBA, Topeka)
- SWKS Hospital Emergency Response Team HPP Healthcare Coalition, Course ID #1059224 (November 11, Garden City)
- NWKS Healthcare Coalition Meeting, Course ID #1064649 (November 1, Hays)
- NCKS Healthcare Coalition Meeting, Course ID #1059634 (November 18, Salina)
- Kansas Metro Regional Healthcare Coalition Meeting, Course ID #1059303 (TBA)
- SCKS Health Care Coalition Meeting, Course ID #1064922 (November 16, Wichita)

- c. Just a reminder to check the **Calendar on KS-TRAIN** at <http://ks.train.org> for live preparedness training. If you have new staff or partners who require ICS training the Kansas Division of Emergency Management will be posting training sessions for the **G300**, Course ID# 1060574. There is a G300 in Lawrence on 11/2 and 11/3; no new sessions are scheduled for the **G400**, Course ID# 1060577.

- d. The **KDHE: The Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) - Kansas CHEMPACK** is live on KS-TRAIN, Course ID #1060191. By the end of this course you will be able to successfully:

- Define the CHEMPACK Program
- List the six types of chemical warfare agents
- Identify the signs and symptoms of mild, moderate and severe nerve agent poisoning
- Identify the five products in the CHEMPACK container
- Explain what each product in the container is used for
- Identify five of the responsibilities of a CHEMPACK cache location

- e. The 2016 version of the **Packaging and Shipping Division 6.2 Materials: What the Laboratorian Should Know**, Course ID #1062513 is available on KS-TRAIN at <http://ks.train.org>. In order to be certified, or recertified, to ship laboratory materials you must complete training on the hazardous materials regulations as well as some facility specific training. This on-line course uses a problem solving approach to provide training on infectious Division 6.2 Materials as specified in the Department of Transportation (DOT) regulations. The content includes some general security training as well as some guidance on facility specific training. Access to resource documents and a number of job aids will not only enhance your learning experience but also provide useful resources for your laboratory. This course is designed specifically for those who participate in any phase of shipping laboratory specimens within the United States.

- f. The course, **KHEL: Preparing Clinical Specimens Related to Chemical or Biological Exposure Using Evidence Control Measures (CESSL)**, Course ID #1050287, is an intermediate-level 45 minute training overview of regulations and procedures associated with evidentiary control measures taken when shipping clinical specimens to the Kansas Department of Health and Environmental Laboratories after a known or unknown chemical exposure has occurred. This course is offered to ensure all laboratory staff across Kansas receive

the full training needed to fully support their responsibilities as sentinel laboratory staff members. PH Preparedness Capabilities: #12 and #14

If you have staff who have completed the Division 6.2 Infectious Materials course via another venue, other than the CDC online course on KS-TRAIN, they should contact Sara Hoffman at the Kansas Health and Environmental Laboratories. Sara will enroll your employee into the CESSL course, #1050287. You can reach her at sara.hoffman@ks.gov or 785-291-3162.

- g. Save the Date: 2017 Governor's Public Health Conference, April 25-27 in Manhattan

More training information available next week in the November issue of Public Health Connections, http://www.kdheks.gov/olrh/public_health_connections.htm

New emails for the KS-TRAIN team:

- Login Information: kdhe.helpdesk@ks.gov
- KS-TRAIN general emails, kdhe.kstrain@ks.gov
- Debbie Nickels, KS-TRAIN Administrator, Debbie.Nickels@ks.gov
- Jake Jackson, KS-TRAIN Project Manager, Jacob.Jackson@ks.gov

Cassie Sparks, Communications

- Halloween Release from Safe Kids Kansas with partner agencies
- Arthritis Prevention Release highlighting exercise as a prevention method for arthritis and joint pain
- All KDHE emails changed to first.last@ks.gov
- Webinar format – send feedback to KDHE.Communications@ks.gov

Ginger Park, Bureau of Health Promotion

The Chronic Disease Alliance of Kansas is a coalition of individuals from health care, public health, advocacy organizations and others interested in managing and preventing chronic disease in Kansas. The semi-Annual meeting will focus on health leadership and strategies to collaborate on chronic disease efforts in the state. A tentative agenda will be posted soon. Visit KSCDAK.org for more information